

ALLOWANCE

Allowable Subject Matter

1. It is in the opinion of the examiner that the art of record neither anticipates nor renders obvious “working portions formed at respective corresponding portions of the upper and lower dies to conduct press working to work jointly, comprising: a side-face working apparatus that is disposed at a side of said lower die on the fixed-side portion of the press machine to conduct side-face working to a side-face portion of the work jointly with the lower die...said side-face working apparatus is constituted such that it moves to an avoidance position, in which the side-face working apparatus is not in the way of the upper die going up and down” in combination with the rest of the claimed limitations set forth in the independent claim.

Searching by the Examiner yielded prior art as cited in the previous Office Actions. Based on Applicant’s arguments and the Examiner’s review of the Office Action mailed November 26, 2007, the claimed subject matter is deemed to be allowable. Further explanation can be reviewed in the applicant’s arguments filed on March 3, 2008. Therefore, it is concluded by the examiner that claims 1-6 and 16-23 of the present invention are allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Teresa Bonk whose telephone number is 571-272-1901. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derris Banks can be reached on 571-272-4419. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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